



## Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our ref:

Your ref: N/A

Date: 04 March 2020

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### **Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2020-153-172)**

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 05 February 2020. Our response is provided below:

*Q1 How many individuals has your fire and rescue service had to rescue - due to fire, flooding or any other safety risk / threat - from a non-residential building in the past five years?*

Please refer to the table below which provides the number of individuals that have been rescued either with or without injury from non-residential properties in the county of Northamptonshire over the previous 5 years:

Injury/rescue	Severity	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Injury (including rescue with injury)	First aid given at scene	4	3	3	4	0
	Victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be serious	9	5	3	1	6
	Victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be slight	4	5	3	8	7
Rescued (rescue without injury)		46	63	41	48	67
<b>Total</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>80</b>

*Q2 Have you had to adapt or introduce any specific operational training in order to improve the operational response to rescuing individuals from buildings due to the changing nature of risk today, e.g. handling newer threats like a terrorist attack in addition to "traditional" threats like fire and flood etc.?*

Yes – we have already done this.

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Q3 *As an enforcing authority for the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 or RRO, how many commercial premises has your Fire and Rescue Service found to have failed to comply with [BS 8300:2009 \(Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people\)](#), for example, lack of Personal Fire Evacuation Plans drawn up for disabled people in the building or non-compliant fire compartmentation in buildings used by disabled people?*

Fire Protection Officers do not routinely inspect premises specifically against relevant national or international standards and determine individual compliance. Standards may be used in more depth in certain circumstances when there is a perceived issue or particular matter that requires the extended level of detail.

With respect to persons with disabilities the following list are examples of the documents which may be used;

- Fire Safety Risk Assessment Guides published by the Department for Communities and Local Government Publications. Specifically the supplementary guide for 'Means of Escape for Disabled People ISBN-13: 978 1 85112 873 7
- Building Regulations, Approved Documents B and M
- BS 9999 and 9991 (both referenced by BS8300 part 2)

Officers will be cognisant of the above and apply them as required but compliance is primarily considered against The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. To this end we are not able to state how many inspections found circumstances which were not in accordance with BS:8300 2009 (or more recently 2018).

Q4 *How many disabled people has your fire and rescue service had to rescue from a non-residential building over the last five years?*

We do not have a specific category on our system to record this information.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2020-153-172.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Service to review it. To do this, please email [enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk) or alternatively write to the address below:

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If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner  
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